

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 47, 49, 54 and 57 to read as follows.

Claims 1-46 (cancelled)

47. (Currently amended) An ink jet printing apparatus using a printing head, which can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected and small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said apparatus comprising:

means for selecting one printing mode from a first printing mode for forming a print image in which the printing head is caused to perform only the large ejection, a second printing mode for forming a print image in which the printing head is caused to perform only the small ejection, and a third printing mode for forming a print image in which the printing head is caused to perform both the large ejection and the small ejection, to perform printing in the selected printing mode.

48. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 47, wherein the printing head has a plurality of ejection openings, and the ejection opening used for the large ejection and the ejection opening used for the small ejection differ from each other.

49. (Currently amended) An ink jet printing method using a printing head, which can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected and small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said method comprising the step of:

selecting one printing mode from a first printing mode for forming a print image in which the printing head is caused to perform only the large ejection, a second printing mode for forming a print image in which the printing head is caused to perform only the small ejection, and a third printing mode for forming a print image in which the printing head is caused to perform both the large ejection and the small ejection, to perform printing in the selected printing mode.

50. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing method as claimed in claim 49, wherein in said selecting step, one printing mode is selected for every one printing medium.

51. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing method as claimed in claim 49, wherein in said selecting step, the one printing mode is selected according to a setting of a resolution.

52. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 47, wherein said selecting means selects one printing mode for every one printing medium.

53. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 47, wherein said selecting means selects the one printing mode according to a setting of a resolution.

54. (Currently amended) An ink jet printing apparatus using a printing head, which can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected, small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, and medium ejection in which amounts of ink between the relatively large amounts of ink and the relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said apparatus comprising:

means for controlling changing of a printing mode from among a first mode for forming a print image in which the printing head performs only the large ejection, a second mode for forming a print image in which the printing head performs only the medium ejection, a third mode for forming a print image in which the printing head performs only the small ejection, and a fourth mode in which the printing head performs all of the large ejection, the medium ejection, and the small ejection.

55. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 54, wherein said control means controls changing of the printing mode for every one printing medium.

56. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 54, wherein said control means controls changing of the printing mode according to a setting of a resolution.

57. (Currently amended) An ink jet printing method using a printing head, which can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected, small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, and medium ejection in which amounts of ink between the relatively large amounts of ink and the relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said method comprising the step of:

controlling changing of a printing mode from among a first mode for forming a print image in which the printing head performs only the large ejection, a second mode for forming a print image in which the printing head performs only the medium ejection, a third mode for forming a print image in which the printing head performs only the small ejection, and a fourth mode in which the printing head performs all of the large ejection, the medium ejection, and the small ejection.

58. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing apparatus forming a line of dots, in which dots formed with different ejection amounts of ink are arranged, in a scan direction of a printing head,

wherein the line of dots is formed by a plurality of times of the scan of the printing head, and the respective dots of different amounts of ink are formed by different scans of the printing head.

59. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 58, wherein the line of dots is formed by a large ejection amount of ink, a medium ejection amount of ink, and a small ejection amount of ink, for respective scans of the printing head.